

Trustee Report  
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Well, this may be my shortest report ever. May has been a blissfully quiet month for Trust business, but there have still been a few meetings to report on. My first was the Local Planning Committee meeting, made up of 10 Trustees, 2 planners and 1 secretary. We always meet the month before Trust Council to discuss the work we had been directed to do at the last Trust Council Meeting (actually the planners do the work and then we critique it and decide how to proceed).

The work this term included research on proactive bylaw enforcement of illegal structures on the foreshore and Green Shores for Homes, both of which we will be sending forward to Trust Council to see if any Trust area would like to take one of these on (or both) as a pilot project. And before anyone gets worried, **remember that any such projects are purely optional for each Trust Area** so even if every other area in the Trust wanted to adopt proactive bylaw enforcement of illegal structures on the foreshore and Green Shores for Homes, it is completely up to Saturna if we want to do the same or keep things as they are now.

And speaking of Green Shores for Homes, we had a presentation from Brian Emmett who is the project manager for the Green Shores Technical Team, an interdisciplinary technical team promoting more sustainable coastal development practices. Green Shores is based on four guiding principals:

1. Preserve the integrity or connectivity of costal processes.
2. Maintain or enhance habitat diversity and function
3. Minimize or reduce pollutants to the marine environment
4. Reduce cumulative impacts to the costal environment

Green Shores for Homes will help participating homeowners evaluate suitable options for improving their properties by providing information on sustainable shoreline design that encourages conservation and restoration of coastal habitats and coastal processes.

Currently working to develop a credits system that will give homeowners benefits for the stewardship of their land, it isn't known yet what form these credits will take, but when they are developed I will let you know. In the meantime, there is a lot of information on the web about Green Shores and Green Shores for Homes. And on the Trust website under heading "Protecting our Islands"; just follow the "Greening our Shores Workshops" link, if you wish to know more.

And just because I seem to like meetings so much, I even had one on my birthday – the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve (GINPR) presentation of their draft management plan, which I attended in my role as the Islands Trust member of the GINPR Public Advisory Board (PAB). This was very scantily attended, which I take to mean that most of you were comfortable with the plan, or if you hadn't read it, with the Park in general. You did miss a couple of announcements by Acting Superintendent Todd Shannon about items that were in earlier versions of the management plan, but removed because they

were more suited to the up coming business plan. The first was a plan to create an overnight hiking trail on Saturna that would link up with some local features; i.e. B & B's or the stores or pub or market...or...or.... this is in the concept stage right now with the details to be worked out later. The other announcement was regarding the development of a 15-unit "drive to" campground in Winter Cove Park. "Drive to" means there will be a single parking lot, with short walk-in trails to each campsite. It will be more suited to people with small children or other reasons that make the hike down to the Narvaez Bay Campground unrealistic. It will run on a reservations only basis and will be in the part of the park that runs east of the T, away from the trail system that is already developed in Winter Cove Park. GINPR is taking comments on the draft plan until June 9. The GINPRPAB will be meeting on June 25 to discuss feedback received about the draft plan.

What's Next? More meetings! June 6 is our Local Trust Committee meeting, beginning at 12:30 at the Community Hall. We will be getting back the first reports from our planner about the items on our new work program; A Technical Review of our Land Use Bylaws (LUB), a look at our LUB specific to improving accommodation options, and a review of our Official Community Plan (OCP) specific to the community amenity density reserve (CADR).... oh yes, this job should come with a letter that says welcome to the land of acronyms...If you want to know more about these items, Paul wrote a great article about them in the Scribbler last month that was somehow attributed to me, hopefully you will still have it around and can check back to "Island Trust Stuff" on page 2.

June 11 - 13 will be Trust Council meeting number 7 for your no longer new Trustees on Mayne Island. Not quite as much fun as going to a new island, but the travel time is pretty darn good! Check the Islands Trust website for the agenda package which will be up prior to the meeting. And if you see anything that catches your eye or causes you concern, please let us know. And that's all for now – not quite as short as I'd imagined after all : )